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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A light-emitting diode, comprising:  
a semiconductor layer structure including a substrate and at least one light-generating layer formed on said substrate and one transparent current-spreading layer deposited on said light-generating layer, the top surface of said current-spreading layer has vertical structuring to improve the decoupling of light,  
a first electrical contact layer on the back of said substrate, and  
a second electrical contact layer comprising a lateral structure by means of which substantially uniform coupling of electrical current into said current-spreading layer can be achieved, said second electrical contact layer is discontinuous and is interconnected by a layer of transparent, conductive material said lateral structure comprising a central contact surface that is directly deposited on said current-spreading layer.
2. (Previously presented) The light-emitting diode as described in claim 1, characterized in that  
said second electrical contact layer is a central contact surface and, arranged about said central contact surface, a contact structure that is rotationally symmetrical with respect to the center point of said central contact surface and is composed of relatively narrow contact webs and/or contact points.
3. (Previously presented) The light-emitting diode as described in claim 2, characterized in that  
the rotational symmetry is a symmetry represented by a whole number.
- 4-5. (Cancelled)